

Urban District Council of Tonbridge



ANNUAL REPORT

for 1971

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

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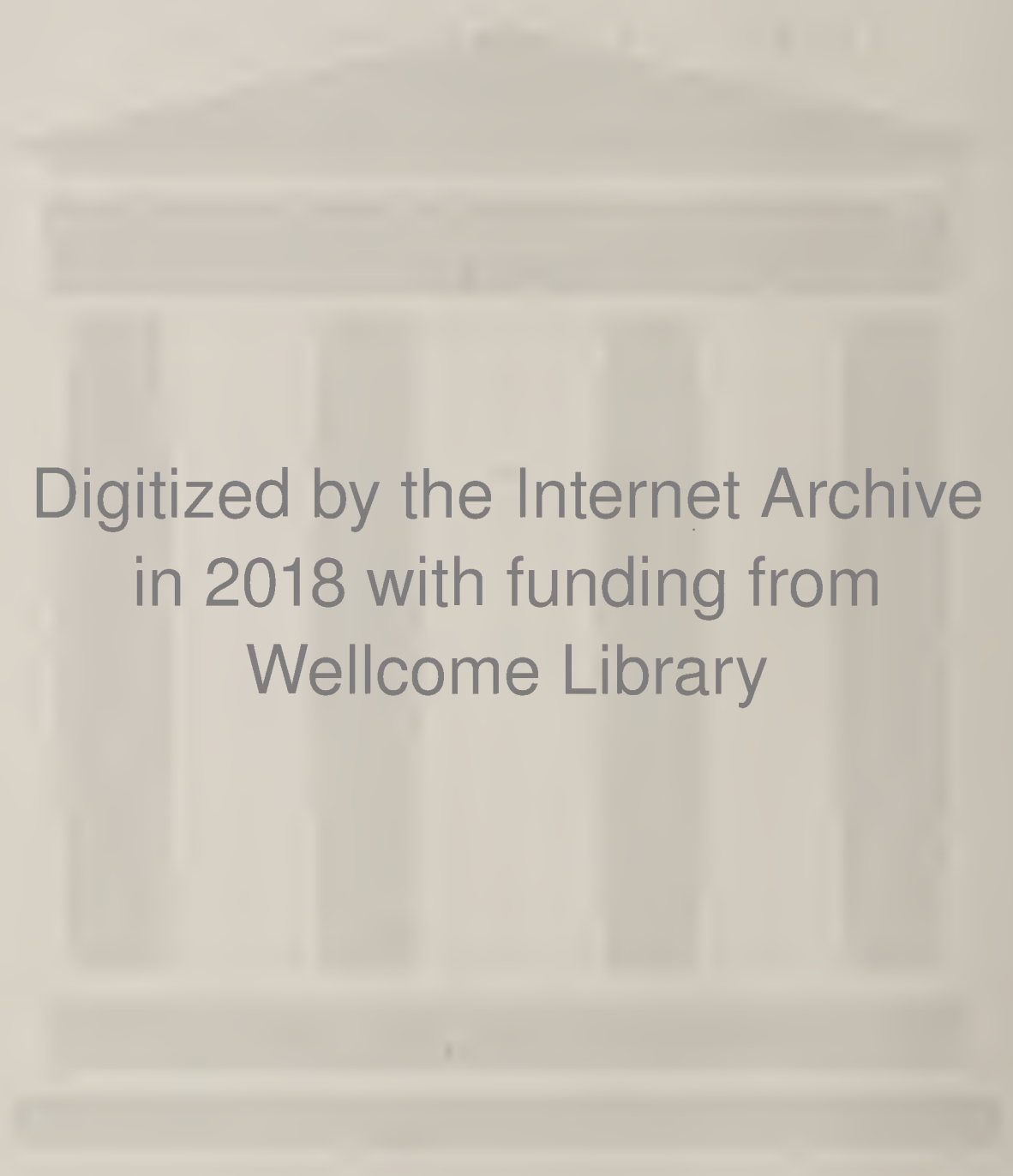
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TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(Constitution at 31st December, 1971)

Chairman of Council Councillor R.D. Large
* Councillor Mrs. B.G. Penruddocke (Chairman)
' Councillor C.C.Coyne (Vice Chairman)

Councillor D.J. Davenport	Councillor W.H.J.Mann, J.P.
Councillor R.M. Dawe	Councillor J.K. Ord-Hume
Councillor D.W. Edwards	Councillor J.W. Reynolds
* Councillor Mrs. P. Jones	Councillor W.C. Scott

* Members on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

' Standing Deputy on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R.G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DOROTHY N. IRONSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(Also Senior Clinical Medical Officer,
Kent County Council)

CLERICAL STAFF

Chief Clerk: Mrs.E.M.Tibbles
Shorthand Typist/Clerk: Mrs.J.M.Oughton

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Chief Public Health Inspector:
J.H.Elphick (a, d, f and g)

Additional Public Health Inspectors:
D.A. Barmby (b, d and e)
K.R. Wagener (a and d) (terminated appointment 23.2.71)
P.J. Archer (c and g) (appointed 1.6.71)

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk
Miss M.E. Bristow

Rodent Operator:
P. Maughan

- (a) Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board
- (b) Certificate of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
- (c) Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
- (d) Meat and Other Foods Inspection Certificate of the Royal Society of Health
- (e) Smoke Inspectors' Certificate of the Royal Society of Health
- (f) Diploma, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
- (g) Diploma of Royal Society of Health in Air Pollution Control

Mr.R.C.Spalding, M.A., F.R.I.C., acts as County Analyst for the District

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

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3, River Walk,
Tonbridge

To the Chairman and Members of the Tonbridge Urban District Council

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the District for 1971.

The estimated mid-year population of the District, given by the Registrar-General, was 31,110, an increase of 1,680 over the mid-1970 figure.

The total number of registered live births was 562 (295 males and 267 females), this figure being two less than last year's total of 564. The crude birth rate was 18.1 per 1,000 population, the corrected birth rate being 17.7, compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

The number of deaths from all causes totalled 294 (148 males and 146 females), this figure being somewhat lower than last year's total of 322. The crude death rate per 1,000 population was 9.5, the corrected death rate for the District being 9.2, compared with 11.6 for England and Wales.

Deaths of infants under one year numbered 5, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 9.0. The rate for England and Wales was 18.0. The Neo-Natal Death Rate (the number of deaths of infants under four weeks) was 7.0.

There were 23 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus (22 males and 1 female), compared with 10 last year.

The number of notifiable infectious diseases recorded in the District was 417 (of which 399 were measles), compared with 171 in 1970.

On page 15 of this Report figures are given showing the number of persons immunised and vaccinated during the year under review.

The Mass Radiography Unit continued fortnightly visits to the Town in 1971, and the number of persons attending for X-ray during the year was 1,741, compared with 2,414 in 1970.

It will be appreciated that this report is an attempt to record the quality of life in our own small community, this in turn reflecting the work of our medical and social services against an environmental background in the planning and improving of which so much time is voluntarily spent by our Civic representatives. This is supplemented by a vast volume of voluntary effort by individuals both inside and outside these services, and to these I should like to record my indebtedness for their help on so many occasions during the year.

However, consideration of the facts of life and death in this report will, I hope, remind us that our personal habits and choice in our mode of life would be as important in improving the health of our community and reduction of the pollution of our environment, as would thought and kindness in caring for our neighbours.

Once again my sincere thanks are due to Mr. Elphick and the staff of the Department, and to all those too numerous to mention, who have so patiently assisted in the compilation of these statistics.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.G. BRENNEN

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 4,599 acres

Population:

R.G.'s Estimate mid 1971	31,110
R.G.'s Estimate mid 1970	29,430
R.G.'s Estimate mid 1971 for England & Wales	48,815,000

Density of population:

i.e. number of persons per acre	6.4
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Number of inhabited houses: 10,368

Rateable Value: £ 1,311,714

Sum produced by a penny (1p) rate: £12,600

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	102	298	90	49	222	280	335	1,376
		Female	100	266	89	54	224	257	305	1,295
	Total		202	564	179	103	446	537	640	2,671
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	11	21	7	1	14	15	27	96
		Female	7	8	5	5	12	10	30	77
	Total		18	29	12	6	26	25	57	173
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			220	593	191	109	472	562	697	2,844
CRUDE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 of mid year population 1971			12.6	13.0	10.4	11.3	15.0	18.1	15.6	14.3
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			15.9	13.9	11.8	12.9	15.5	17.7	17.2	-
STILL BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	2	2	1	-	2	2	4	13
		Female	1	6	-	1	1	3	4	16
	Total		3	8	1	1	3	5	8	29
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
		Female	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
	Total		-	1	1	-	1	-	1	4
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			3	9	2	1	4	5	9	33
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			13	15	10	9	8	9	13	11.5
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			223	602	193	110	476	567	706	2,877

	Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year) <div> Male Female TOTAL </div>	- 3	6 4	- 1	- 1	2 4	2 3	6 6	16 22
	3	10	1	1	6	5	12	38
INFANT MORTALITY RATES:								
All infants per 1,000 live births	14	17	5	9	13	9	17	13.4
NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9	15	5	9	8	7	10	9.8
EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9	13	-	9	8	7	9	9.0
PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	22	28	10	18	17	16	21	20.2
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS <div> Male Female TOTAL </div>	73 109	221 261	84 104	42 52	134 166	148 146	259 418	961 1,256
	182	482	188	94	300	294	677	2,217
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid year population 1971	10.4	10.6	10.3	9.7	9.5	9.5	15.2	11.2
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar General	0.88	0.99	0.83	0.79	0.85	0.97	0.54	-
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE	9.2	10.5	8.5	7.7	8.1	9.2	8.2	-

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2	-	2
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	7	10	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	17	20	37
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	24	38	62
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	106	27	133
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	62	62
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	18	18
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	13	-	13
Leukaemia	4	7	11
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	61	71	132
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	2	5	7
Diabetes Mellitus	5	13	18
Avitaminoses, etc.,	-	1	1
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	-	3	3
Anaemias	3	4	7
Other Diseases of Blood, etc.,	-	2	2
Multiple Sclerosis	3	2	5
Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.,	9	11	20
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	8	16	24
Hypertensive Disease	20	17	37
Ischaemic Heart Disease	226	224	450
Other Forms of Heart Disease	53	121	174
Cerebrovascular Disease	107	241	348

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	2	1	-	4	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	4
2	-	5	6	1	1	1	-	2	6	2	2	4	5
-	2	8	9	2	4	1	2	3	5	2	2	8	14
7	4	25	9	8	3	9	-	11	1	22	1	24	9
-	6	-	14	-	6	-	3	-	10	-	11	-	12
-	1	-	4	-	1	-	3	-	6	-	1	-	2
2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	1	1
4	4	16	20	6	4	3	1	4	19	10	6	18	17
-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
2	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	5
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
1	4	3	3	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	2
1	4	3	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	6
-	-	6	5	1	1	1	3	4	2	6	3	2	3
17	22	49	44	20	17	10	8	37	26	41	38	52	69
3	13	13	9	2	9	4	7	7	16	10	14	14	53
5	20	23	42	6	16	4	10	15	26	13	24	41	103

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	39	69	108
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	71	116	187
Bronchitis and Emphysema	62	15	77
Asthma	2	5	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	8	14	22
Peptic Ulcer	4	6	10
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	7	4	11
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	11	22	33
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4	3	7
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	9	12	21
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	2	3
Other complications of Pregnancy, etc.,	-	2	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	2	7	9
Congenital Anomalies	4	7	11
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	6	9	15
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	1	4
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	9	8	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	8	27
All Other Accidents	9	14	23
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	10	12	22
All Other External Causes	1	2	3
TOTALS	961	1,256	2,217

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
3	5	8	21	7	8	2	1	7	5	4	4	8	25
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
6	8	16	28	9	11	1	5	8	19	10	11	21	34
8	2	12	4	9	2	-	1	7	1	7	1	19	4
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	3	7
-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
-	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2	1	1	8	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	3	5	5
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
2	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	2	2	2	4	2
-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
-	-	2	3	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	2	1	3
-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	2	5
3	1	3	1	4	-	-	1	4	3	2	1	3	1
1	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	2	3	6
-	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	2	2	2	1	3	3
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
73	109	221	261	84	104	42	52	134	166	148	146	259	418

CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	5

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	20 - 34 years		35 - 44 years		45 - 64 years		65 - 74 years		75 years and over		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1962	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	3	2	-	12	4
1963	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	1	2	11	2
1964	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	1	1	13	1
1965	-	-	1	-	3	-	6	1	1	-	11	1
1966	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	1	3	-	11	2
1967	-	-	-	-	2	2	7	-	3	-	12	2
1968	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	3	6	-	17	3
1969	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	2	6	1	13	3
1970	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	1	1	-	7	3
1971	-	-	-	-	6	-	11	1	5	-	22	1
TOTALS	-	-	1	-	35	6	64	12	29	4	129	22

AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	Total cases (all ages)	Under 1 year	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25-44 yrs.	45-64 yrs.	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-	-	2	2	5	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	399	7	30	34	44	63	201	12	4	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
TOTALS	417	7	30	34	46	65	209	12	7	7	-	-

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	1	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9
Measles	-	3	29	130	100	99	23	14	1	-	-	-	399
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
TOTALS	1	3	35	133	102	101	23	15	1	1	-	2	417

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on register at beginning of year	93	9	73	14	189
Cases added	5	-	1	-	6
Cases removed	3	-	3	-	6
Cases remaining at end of year	95	9	71	14	189

NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total Deaths
	No.of cases notified	Deaths	No.of cases notified	Deaths	
1962	3	-	-	1	1
1963	6	-	2	-	-
*1964	6	2	2	-	2
1965	6	1	1	1	2
*1966	4	2	3	-	2
1967	4	1	-	-	1
*1968	3	1	-	-	1
1969	3	-	-	-	-
1970	1	-	1	-	-
1971	4	1	-	-	1

* Denotes year Mass Radiography Unit visited the District

The Minature Mass Radiography Unit attends on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at River Walk

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1971 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security

YEAR OF BIRTH	P R I M A R Y						R E I N F O R C I N G						
	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio mye- litis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio mye- litis
1971	4	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	395	3	73	1	125	398	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
1969	122	8	108	-	140	141	-	2	3	-	1	-	-
1968	6	2	21	-	65	34	-	24	25	1	7	-	-
1967	6	1	7	4	33	13	-	7	51	1	3	-	47
1966	-	-	3	-	22	-	-	84	245	9	12	-	336
1964/65	-	-	9	1	20	-	-	25	82	27	1	-	133
1955/63	2	1	1	80	11	-	215	8	40	115	160	-	84
TOTAL	535	15	224	86	416	590	215	151	446	153	185	-	600

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30.7.71

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act, 1963)

There are no Nursing Homes registered in the Tonbridge Urban District

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr.A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks and Orpington.

Staff Medical Examinations

During the year twenty-two medical examinations were carried out for the District for superannuation purposes, and five for drivers of Heavy Duty Vehicles.

International Vaccination Certificates

These are authenticated on request, in accordance with International agreements. In co-operation with the immigration authorities, persons arriving in this country from infected or suspected areas without valid certificates are kept under surveillance by the Health Department.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH SERVICES

Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service (Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23222) at 86a, Speldhurst Road, Southborough

Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular district is usually known to the patient's doctor, but can be obtained from the Area Office of the County Council.

Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular district is obtainable from the Area Office of the County Council.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Area Office

Area Director:- Miss B. Bristow,
Social Services Department,
39, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342

Home Help Service

Home help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, aged, handicapped as a result of having suffered from illness or congenital deformity, or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Night and Evening Service

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night, and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

Family Care Service

This service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

Health Visitors

Miss B. Rigg	Mrs.V.Beail
Miss D.Lazell	Miss M.Wilson
Miss K. Stephenson	Mrs.J.Wright
Mrs.P. Foreman	

Child Welfare Centres and Clinics

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
Red Cross Hall, Shipbourne Road	Child Welfare	Wed. P.M.
Baltic Road, Quarry Hill, (Tel. Tonbridge 2015)	Child Welfare	Fri. P.M.
	Relaxation Class (Midwives' Clinic)	Mon. P.M.
	Chiropody	Mon. A.M. & P.M. Tues. A.M. & P.M. Weds. P.M. Thurs. A.M. & P.M. Fri. P.M.
	School Clinic	1st & 3rd Wed. A.M.
	Dental	Daily
	Ophthalmic	2nd & 4th Fri. A.M.
	* Cytology	Weds. P.M.
Church Hall, Cage Green	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Mon. P.M.
Methodist Church Hall, Higham Lane	Child Welfare	Weds. P.M.
	Relaxation Class (Midwives' Clinic)	Mon. P.M.

* By appointment

Old People's Home

Woodgate, Tudeley Lane

Tel. Tonbridge 63952

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee,
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital
Kent and Sussex Hospital
The Homoeopathic Hospital
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital
Hawkenbury Hospital
Edenbridge & District Memorial Hospital
David Salomons House, Southborough
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee,
Orpington Hospital, Orpington
Tel. Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital
Sundridge Hospital

Chest Clinics

<u>Address</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
Baltic Road, Tonbridge	Monday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Pembury Hospital, Pembury	Wednesday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Friday	All day
Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Department, Sevenoaks Hospital	Wednesday	Morning

Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Tuesday (females) Tuesday (males)	9.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
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TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

1. Water Supply - The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company supply the District. Supplies have been sufficient during the year, and the quality, as shown by bacteriological examination, has been good.

Examination reports on water supplies taken during the year were as follows:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not Satis- factory	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not Satis- factory
Statutory supply undertakings	13	13	-	1	1	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	1	1	-	2	2	-

All the dwelling houses, with the exception of one, are supplied by public water mains.

Mains extensions were carried out as follows:-

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company

A total of 1,148 yards of mains extensions were laid by the Company during 1971, together with 333 yards of trunk and pumping mains.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

Work was completed on the duplication of the rising main at the Sewage Disposal Works and the new pumps were brought into operation in June, 1971.

The contract was let and work commenced on the laying of a new sewer under the railway. Work is expected to be completed in May, 1972.

Work has not yet commenced on the replacement of the sewers in the Botany Area due to the continuing difficulties over land acquisition.

The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are generally adequate for the area at present but will not be adequate for any additional development outside the present Town Map zoning.

New public sewers have been adopted, serving approximately 136 new properties.

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

Controlled tipping commenced at the extension area at Priory Wood and tipping was discontinued at the Vale Road Sewage Works site in January, 1971.

Further discussion has taken place towards setting up a joint disposal scheme with neighbouring authorities.

The Council provided 12 dustbins under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 (3), and 41 dustbins previously supplied were replaced during the year.

4. Swimming Pools

Number of public swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of school swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of visits made during the year	...	...	...	...	...	25
Number of samples taken:						
	Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	44
	Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	4

Control at all pools was generally satisfactory although the reason for the unsatisfactory samples was the breakdown in the chlorination at one school pool. This was quickly remedied.

5. Inspection of the District

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	308
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors				
during the year	...	...	...	4,199
Informal Notices:				
	Served during year	...	...	232
	Complied with during year	...	...	163
Statutory Notices:				
	Served during year	...	...	11
	Complied with during year			
	(a) by owners	...	...	11
	(b) by Local Authority in default			-
Legal proceedings taken during year	...	...	...	-

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,070
Nuisances etc., (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	264
Visits to Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	750
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Factories Act, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	208
Shops Act, 1950/65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	196
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Riding Establishments Act, 1964	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Offensive Trades...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	377
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	935

6. Disinfestation

The following infestations were dealt with:-

Cockroaches 11; Mites 1; Bugs 4; Fleas 12;

Flies 1; Beetles 1; Mosquitos 1;

In addition, 90 wasp nests were destroyed.

7. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in District	12,546	18
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises inspected following notification)	551	1
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	160	1
(ii) Mice	175	-

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
3.	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notifications	226	8
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	17	1
	(ii) Mice	9	-

The difficulty in effecting control of mice infestations using Warfarin continued, but most difficulties were overcome by the use of Tracking Dust and Alpha-Chloralose.

In one or two cases control of rats by use of Warfarin was not entirely satisfactory and Zinc Phosphide was used to secure clearance.

SEWERS

No sewer treatment was carried out during the year.

8.	<u>Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951</u>								
	Number of registered premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
9.	<u>Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957</u>								
	Number of licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
10.	<u>Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956</u>								
	Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
11.	<u>Pet Animals Act, 1951</u>								
	Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
12.	<u>Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964</u>								
	Number of dealers registered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
13.	<u>Clean Air Act, 1956</u>								

The two stations for the volumetric recording of smoke and sulphur dioxide have continued throughout the year.

Two applications for approval of chimney heights under Section 6 of the 1968 Act were approved.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	4	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	102	36	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	19	93	2	-
TOTAL	125	130	4	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	5	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
<u>Wearing Apparel</u> Making etc.,	1	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	9	97	9
Retail Shops	12	187	61
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	10	9
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	19	15
Fuel storage depots	-	2	-
TOTALS	24	315	94

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act 208

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contraventions	No. found	Section	Contraventions	No. found
4	Cleanliness	14	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (sedentary workers)	-
6	Temperature	7	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	3	16	Floors, passages & stairs	5
8	Lighting	4	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	3
9	Sanitary Conveniences	6	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	6	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	-	24	First Aid General Provisions	3 16
				TOTAL	67

(C) Exemptions

Number of applications received	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of applications granted	Nil

(D) Prosecutions

Number instituted and completed during the year	Nil
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(E) Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported	Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	5	3	-	-	2	3
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	3	-	-	2	3

Analysis of Reported Accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
Machinery	-	1	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons	-	-	-	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	-	-	-	-
Handling goods	-	1	-	-	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-	-
Fires and Explosions	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	1	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	-	2	-	-	-

HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:

	Section 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		TOTALS	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	-	-	89	3	89	3
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	89	3	89	3

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act, 1957

Number of (i)	Undertakings accepted (Section 16)	...	...	...	2
(ii)	Closing Orders made (Section 17)	...	...	...	2
(iii)	Demolition Orders made (Section 17)	...	...	...	-
(iv)	Closing Orders made (Section 18)	...	...	...	-
(v)	Closing Orders determined (Section 27)	...	...	...	-
(vi)	Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (Section 28)	...	...	...	-
(vii)	Houses demolished following Demolition Orders or Undertakings	...	...	...	-
(viii)	Houses repaired under Section 24 after Demolition Order	...	...	...	-
(ix)	Houses demolished by agreement	...	...	...	5

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during Year

(i)	Number of areas	...	...	...	...	...	1
(ii)	Houses unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	8
(iii)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.,	...	...	...	...	...	-
(iv)	Houses on land acquired under 43 (2)	...	...	...	...	...	-
(v)	Number of people to be displaced (a) Individuals	...	...	...	...	...	14
	(b) Families	...	...	...	...	...	7

(2) Action taken during year ... Nil

(3) Purchase of houses by agreement ... Nil

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Discretionary

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	19	5
(ii) Number of applications approved	12	3
(iii) Number of applications refused	1	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	14	2

£

(v)	Amount paid in grants	8,274-00
(vi)	Average grant per house	517-00

(2) Standard

<u>Standard</u>	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	40	5
(ii) Number of applications approved	31	5
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	20	8

£

(v)	Amount paid in grants	4,028-00
(vi)	Average grant per house	143-00

(vii) Amenities provided		
	(a) fixed bath or shower	25
	(b) wash hand basin	26
	(c) hot water supply (to any fittings)	28
	(d) water closet(1) within dwelling	26
	(2) accessible from dwelling	-
	(e) sink	-

(3) Special Grants (Multiple Occupied Premises)

Number of applications received	Nil
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(E) Housing Act, 1969

(1) General Improvement Areas

Number of areas (a) Surveyed	1
(b) Declared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

(2) Qualification Certificates

(a) Cases where Improvements Required

(i) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44 (2)	...	...	...	...	5
(ii) Number of Certificates of Provisional Approval issued	...	...	...	...	4
(iii) Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 46 (3)	...	...	...	...	1

(b) Standard Amenities already Provided

(i) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44 (1)	...	...	...	...	23
(ii) Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 45 (2)	15

(F) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964

Number of dwellings improved	Nil
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Section 19 Dwellings outside improvement areas

(i) Number of representations made by tenants	1
(ii) Number of preliminary notices served	...	...	...	1
(iii) Number of undertakings accepted	...	...	...	1
(iv) Number of immediate improvement notices served	...	...	...	-
(v) Number of such dwellings improved				
(a) full standard	...	...	-
(b) reduced standard	...	...	1	

(G) Houses in Multiple Occupation

(1) Number of notices served

- (a) To require additional services or facilities ... Nil
(b) Giving directions on overcrowding ... Nil
(c) Where work has been carried out in default ... Nil

(2) Details regarding separate occupancies in houses in multiple occupation:

Number of houses with the following number of separate occupancies	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Over 12
	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Land Charge Enquiries

A total of 995 land charge enquiries were received and dealt with during 1971.

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1971)

Number of site licences in force ... 1
Total number of caravans permitted on licensed site ... 100
Number of caravans on unlicensed sites ... Not more than 5
(Caravan Club Certificate)

Common Lodging Houses

Number registered in District ... Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

(a)	Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	34
	Number of registered dairies - wholesale	...	...	...	...	...	-
	retail	...	...	...	...	...	3

(b) Milk Sampling

	Number of Samples Taken	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples
Untreated	7	2
Pasteurised	7	-
Sterilised	-	-

The unsatisfactory samples were from a farm bottled supply but after representation to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, further samples were satisfactory.

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered

(a)	for the manufacture of ice cream	...	...	...	1
(b)	for the sale of ice cream	...	...	...	82

Results of samples taken:

Grade 1	21
Grade 2	2

3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>
Manufacture of sausages	7
Fish Frying	3
Cooking of Hams	7
Processed Meat Products	7

4. Slaughterhouses

There are no slaughterhouses in the Tonbridge Urban District.

5. Food Premises subject to The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Category of Trade	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (wash basins)	Number to which Reg.19 applies (provision of sinks, etc.,)	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens	52	52	52	52
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act, excluding ice cream)	24	24	24	24
Food factories and wholesalers	2	2	2	2
Fried Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Bakers and Confectioners	33	33	33	33
Butchers	14	14	14	14
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Grocers & Mixed	42	42	42	42
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	19	19	19	19
Licensed premises and Clubs	46	46	46	46

Towards the end of the year a large Supermarket, incorporating a coffee bar, was opened.

6.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers, within the Tonbridge Urban District during the year ended 31st December, 1971.

	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory</u>
Milk	18	-
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)	1	-
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes ...	1	1
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	1	1
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials ...	16	1
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	6	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	10	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	5	-
Drugs, medicines	8	-
Beer, wines, spirits	8	-
Miscellaneous... ..	12	-
	<u>86</u>	<u>3</u>
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UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLESTurkey Flavoured Sandwich Biscuit

Incorrectly labelled. Manufacturer agreed to re-word label.

Beefburger Savouries

Incorrectly labelled. Manufacturer agreed to re-word label.

Natural Grapefruit Juice

The analysis suggested 'modified' juice. Importers advised.

7. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the District Nil

8. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons.	Cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Meat	-	1	2	26	8
Fish	-	1	-	20	-
Tinned Foods	-	4	3	1	-
Other Foods	1	5	3	-	9

A large proportion of the above condemnations was caused by breakdowns of frozen food refrigerators.

The method of disposal of condemned foods is by burial at the refuse tip

9. Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

